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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 18, 2007. This response is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and therefore applicant respectfully requests entry of this paper in this case.

Claims 29-39, 41, 44, 46-52 and 59-63 are pending in the application.<sup>1</sup> Claims 44, 62 and 63 are allowed and claims 29-39, 41, 46-52 and 59-61 stand rejected for the reasons recited in the Office Action, which will not be repeated. Applicant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Claims 1-28 are non-elected claims which are now the subject of a co-pending divisional application.

respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.